

**KANAB CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**JUNE 8, 2010**  
**KANE COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Nina Laycook, Council Members Tony Chatterley, Shaun Smith, Steve Mower and Ed Meyer, City Attorney Van Mackelprang, City Manager/Recorder Duane Huffman and City Treasurer RaeLene Johnson. Council Member James Sorenson excused.

Prayer was offered by Pastor Doug Hounshell.

**WORK MEETING:** Mayor Laycook explained the different scenarios that were looked at for expenditures and revenues. She said the Council and City Manager have been working on the City budget and trying to find ways to make up for the lack of funds.

Council Member Smith said that he had met with the Chamber of Commerce. They want to do a beautification of the City, a clean-up celebration of Kanab for July 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be assignments on different areas to be cleaned.

Council Member Chatterley said that the painting on the Heritage House is completed. There will be a walk through on Friday. He said it looks beautiful.

Council Member Meyer said that next week there is going to be a display of poetry at the hospital.

Council Member Mower expressed his concern that there was a misunderstanding about employees being able to come to a City Council Member and talk to them. He said that if a department head or employee wants to talk to any Council Member, they can. He said that policy has not changed. Mr. Huffman said he just didn't want anyone to go against the chain of command or what is stated in the Personnel Policy. We need to work as a team.

**BUDGET:** Mr. Huffman explained what some expenses and funds are: Drug Task Force - use that money to fight drug crimes in the City, Liquor Law - funds one officer, the police software will be budgeted over the next three years, pool expenses for utilities shows that 75% is propane and 25% is electric. It was suggested that a pool cover be purchased in the future. The property tax brings in approximately \$18,000, TRT (transient room tax) will bring in \$91,200 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year and the 3% energy tax would bring in \$93,000 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year. The two scenarios were discussed. Scenario #1 was close to the tentative budget. Scenario #2 didn't include additional revenues and restored the travel budgets. Council Member Meyer was in favor of property tax and Council Member Mower supported the energy tax. A full time fire chief was discussed. The job description will need to be changed in the Personnel Policy. The Council said that the fire chief has always been a separate issue from the merit pay increases. Mayor Laycook said that having a fire chief helps with the safety and health of the community. Most people think we already have a full time fire chief. The employees who were present were wondering what the fire chief would be doing for 40 hours a week. They were concerned with the budget being so tight if it was a good time to hire a full time employee.

Meeting was moved to the District Courtroom. A local scout troop was welcomed to the Council Meeting.

Mayor opened the regularly scheduled meeting at 7:06 p.m.

**APPROVE MINUTES & VOUCHERS:** A motion to approve the minutes of the May 25<sup>th</sup> and June 3<sup>rd</sup> meetings and the vouchers was made by Council Member Chatterley and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Mower. Motion passed unanimously. Council Member Sorenson absent.

**CONSIDER HIRING A FULL TIME FIRE CHIEF:** Council Member Chatterley said that hiring a full time fire chief doesn't have anything to do with the ISO rating. There have been many things left undone because as a volunteer, the fire chief didn't have enough time to get them done. Dennis Mosdell addressed the Council and the audience. He said he has 5 sons who have been firemen. His cousin in Parowan is their fire chief. He said it is time for a full time chief. There needs to be inspections and certifications done. The Chief needs to keep the morale of the department up. As a business owner, he would hate to lose his building because of a fire. Mr. Jeff Yates, Farmers Insurance, addressed the Council. He said he served as a volunteer fireman for 5 years, but didn't have the time to run his business and be a volunteer. He also feels a full time fire chief is needed. It would help with the ISO ratings which would keep the costs of insurance down. Hernan Garreaud a PA in the Kane County Clinic said he was a volunteer fire fighter in Alaska and he presently serves on the fire department at Duck Creek. He said that the inspections are not being done here. There is a lot of grant money out there that a full time fire chief would have the time to apply for them. He thinks that down the road, the City might need more full time fire fighters than just a chief. Mr. Grant Ramsay said that as a full time chief, he can be on top of the maintenance of the trucks. He thanked the Council for all they have invested in the Fire Department. A motion was made by Council Member Chatterley to promote Joe Decker from Volunteer Fire Chief to Full Time Fire Chief at Grade 20 Step B effective June 9, 2010 and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Mower. Motion passed unanimously. Council Member Sorenson absent.

**TENTATIVE BUDGET:** Mr. Duane Huffman presented to the Council and those present the tentative budget. Mr. Jack Gisler from the Parks and Recreation Committee said the Council needs to put more money in the budget and not take out of parks and recreation and trails. He said there has been a trail completed from the K-Hill to Tom's Canyon. It is a two mile hike. It was part of the master plan that was adopted by the City. He feels that 1.5 million Utahans are over weight. We need to get people out of their houses. He said he would rather spend more in taxes to be able to build some high quality trails. It would improve the quality of life. The City needs to provide operating funds for recreation. Mayor Laycook said that the Council has seriously thought of a parks and recreation director. Council Member Smith said that the budget process hasn't been easy. Not everyone will be happy about the budget. Council Member Chatterley said he is grateful for the involvement in the budget process this year. Mr. Trent Keller with the Library Board stated his concerns about charging for services at the library which serve an under privileged group of people.

A motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Smith and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member

Chatterley. Motion passed unanimously. Council Member Sorenson absent.

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MAYOR                      NINA LAYCOOK

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RECORDER              DUANE HUFFMAN